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Benton High School (Benton School District)
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Benton AR 72015
501-778-3288

School Parent and Family Engagement Plan

This form was adapted from, *A Toolkit for Title I Parent Involvement.* Ferguson, C. (2009). *A Toolkit for Title I Parental Involvement.* Austin, TX: SEDL.

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District

Benton School District

Grade Levels

10-12

Building Facilitator and District Coordinator

Title I Status

- Schoolwide
- Targeted Assistance
- Non-Title I School

Percent of free and reduced lunch

33%

Parent and Family Engagement Committee Members

(Select "Repeat" to open more entry fields to add additional team members)

Enter committee members

First Name

Karen

Last Name

Hilborn

Position

Assistant Principal

Enter committee members

First Name

Karen

Last Name

Hammer

Position

Teacher

Enter committee members

First Name

Robbie

Last Name

Rutherford

Position

Teacher

Enter committee members

First Name

Marsha

Last Name

Barker

Position

Parent

1. List various communication strategies used in your school to provide additional information to parents and to increase parent and family engagement in supporting classroom instruction.

1. The school will utilize Alert Now to inform parents of school activities, meetings, and other pertinent information. (Contact: Curt Barger, Karen Hilborn, Chris Hinson, 501-778-3288)
 2. A school Website is maintained that provides information on all school and district activities. Daily announcements are posted. Helpful educational links are provided. (Contact: Sherri Fite, 501-778-4861 and Tara Hunter, 501-778-3288)
 3. Teachers will create Websites (through the Home Access Center program) for their classrooms that provide information on homework assignments, study guides, and other pertinent classroom information. The parents are provided a PIN number to access teachers' Web sites and their child's grades. (Contact: All teachers and administrators at BHS, 501-778-3288)
 4. Teachers will routinely contact parents on an individual basis to communicate about their child's progress through emails, Remind 101 texts, and phone calls. (Contact: All teachers at BHS, 501-778-3288)
 5. The school will provide to parents progress reports/report cards every marking period with information regarding their child's academic progress and upcoming school events. (Contact: Becky Farmer, 501-778-3288 and All teachers at BHS, 501-778-3288)
 6. A lighted marquee sign is located on the school campus. It is updated weekly with upcoming events and information. (Contact: Carrie Bengston, 501-778-3288)
 7. The school will hold a new student orientation and open house for all students at the beginning of the school year. (Contact: Curt Barger, 501-778-3288)
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2. List the proposed parent meeting, conferences and activities regularly throughout this year and the dates providing flexible meeting times that you have planned to increase parent and family engagement and build staff and parent capacity to engage in these types of efforts. (Must include the 2 state mandated parent/teacher conferences each year.)

1. The school provides a report and explanation of the statewide assessment system, standards, and accountability measures – including results for our school. This is done in August of each school year at the Parent/Student Open House. (Contact: Curt Barger, 501-778-3288)
 2. Student Orientation – Parents are invited to attend with their children to receive schedules and school information, and to meet with teachers for the upcoming year. This is held in August each year. (Contact: Curt Barger, 501-778-3288)
 3. Parent Teacher Conferences are held once each semester for parents to meet with teachers to discuss academic issues and concerns. October 2017 and March 2018. (Contact: Curt Barger, 501-778-3288)
 4. CAPS Registration Conferences are held each spring. Parents are invited to attend and meet with their child's teacher/advisor to register for classes for the upcoming school year. (Contact: Curt Barger, 501-778-3288)
 5. The school will participate in the district-wide family night for ESL students in the fall of each year. (Contact: Dr. Kim Anderson, 501-778-4861; Erin Gillen, 501-778-3288)
 6. The music programs at the school will present multiple evening presentations at various times through the school year. (Contact: Tricia Moffett, Angela White, 501-778-3288)
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3. How will your school provide information to parents about volunteer opportunities (must include state mandated parent training)?

- 1. STATE REQUIREMENT (Staff Development)** The State Board of Education's Standards for Accreditation of Arkansas Public Schools and School Districts shall require no fewer than two (2) hours of professional development for teachers designed to enhance the understanding of effective parental involvement strategies. No fewer than three (3) hours of professional development for administrators designed to enhance understanding of effective parent involvement strategies and the importance of administrative leadership in setting expectations and creating a climate conducive to parental participation. (Contact: Curt Barger, 501-778-3288)
- 2. STATE REQUIREMENT** – Provide instruction to a parent on how to incorporate developmentally appropriate learning activities in the home environment, including without limitation: role play and demonstration by trained volunteer, the use of and access to the Department of Education website tools for parents, assistance with nutritional meal planning and preparation and other strategies or curricula developed or acquired by the school district for at-home parental instruction approved by the Department of Education. (Contact: Dot Zaunbrecher, Allyson Pitts, and Karen Stout, 501-778-3288)
3. The school will provide additional volunteer opportunities to parents through the Athletic Booster Clubs, Band Booster Club, and Choir Booster Club. Parents will be notified of these opportunities through the school website and the local newspaper. (Contact: Scott

4. How will your school work with parents to create a School-Parent-Compact?

Benton High School will use survey results, communication throughout the year, and meet with parents at the end of the year for input at the Handbook Committee Meeting. (Contact: Curt Barger, 501-778-3288)

5. How will your school provide opportunities for parents to be involved in the development, implementation and evaluation of the school wide school improvement plan, and the Annual Title I Meeting to engage them in the decision-making processes regarding the school's Title I, Part A Program?

1. The school will involve parents in school improvement planning and invite them to serve on curricular and instructional review committees. (Contact: Curt Barger, 501-778-3288; Karla Neathery, 501-778-4861)
 2. **STATE REQUIREMENT** – To take advantage of community resources, the school shall consider recruiting alumni from the school to create an alumni advisory commission to provide advice and guidance for school improvement. (Contact: Karla Neathery, 501-778-4861)
 3. **STATE REQUIREMENT** - The school shall enable the formation of a Parent Teacher Association or organization that will foster parental and community involvement. (Karla Neathery, 501-778-4861)
 4. Parents are included on the committees for the school ASCIP plan and school handbook. (Contact: Karen Hilborn, 501-778-3288)
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6. How will your school provide resources for parents?

1. **STATE REQUIREMENT** - The school will distribute informational packets at the beginning of the school year that include a copy of the school's parental involvement plan, a survey for volunteer interests, and suggestions of ways parents can be involved in their child's education. (Contact: Curt Barger, 501-778-3288)
 2. **STATE REQUIREMENT** - To promote and support responsible parenting, the school shall, as funds are available: Purchase parenting books, magazines, and other informative materials regarding responsible parenting through the school library, advertise the current selection, and give parents the opportunity to borrow the materials for review. (Contact: Dot Zaunbrecher, Allyson Pitts, and Karen Stout, 501-778-3288)
 3. A Parent Center is maintained in conjunction with the counselor's office. It is supplied with resources for parents regarding help with issues in child development. (Contact: Dot Zaunbrecher, Allyson Pitts, and Karen Stout, 501-778-3288)
 4. **STATE REQUIREMENT** – Include in the school's policy handbook the school's process for resolving parental concerns, including how to define a problem, whom to approach first, and how to develop solutions. (Contact: Karen Hilborn, 501-778-3288)
 5. **STATE REQUIREMENT** – The principal of each school in a school district shall designate (1) certified staff member who is willing to serve as a parent facilitator. (Contact: Jill Crow, 501-778-3288)
 6. **STATE REQUIREMENT** – The school will sponsor seminars to inform the parents of high school students about how to be involved in the decisions affecting course selection, career planning, and preparation for postsecondary opportunities. (Contact: Dot Zaunbrecher, Allyson Pitts, and Karen Stout, 501-778-3288)
 7. The school will utilize the local newspaper to communicate upcoming school events as well as student successes. (Contact: Curt Barger, 501-778-3288)
 8. The school will host College Scholarship and Financial Aid nights to inform parents of juniors and seniors about the availability of financial aid and the process for which to apply. (Contact: Dot Zaunbrecher, Allyson Pitts, and Karen Stout, 501-778-3288)
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7. How will your school engage parents in the evaluation of your parent and family engagement efforts?

The counselors at BHS will conduct a survey. (Contact: Dot Zaunbrecher, Allyson Pitts, and Karen Stout, 501-778-

8. How will your school use the parent interest surveys to select, plan and implement parent and family engagement activities that will be offered throughout the year?

The BHS Leadership Team will review the survey results to select, plan and implement activities to be offered throughout the year. (Contact: Curt Barger and the BHS Leadership Team, 501-778-3288)

9. When will your school plan the Annual Title I Meeting that must be conducted separately? (It CANNOT be held in conjunction with any other meetings or activities.)

N/A

**After completion of this form, the school should print and submit to district for review and approval. Once approved, the school is required to post their School Parent Plan on their website.*